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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9488

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TAGS: OREP
SUBJECT: CODEL MONTGOMERY VISIT TO VIENTIANE

REF: STATE 201572

1. THE CHARGE WROTE LAO CHIEF OF PROTOCOL PLATTANA AUGUST 10 TO GIVE HIM THE UPDATED LIST OF DELEGATION MEMBERS, TO GIVE HIM THE LIST OF TOPICS THE CODEL WISHES TO DISCUSS, AND TO MAKE A FORMAL REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS WITH THE PRESIDENT, PRIME MINISTER, AND FOREIGN MINISTER. THE LETTER ALSO ASKED WHETHER LAO VISAS COULD BE WAIVED.
2. THE CHARGE FOLLOWED UP BY TELEPHONE WITH PLATTANA AUGUST 11 TO ASK ABOUT VISAS. PLATTANA SAID THAT HE HAD JUST TELEGRAPHED INSTRUCTIONS TO THE LAO EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO ISSUE "VISAS DE COURTOISIE" TO THE MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION.
3. IT LOOKS AS IF VISAS ARE GOING TO BE REQUIRED. WE SUGGEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT GET IN TOUCH WITH THE LAO EMBASSY AND WORK OUT THE ISSUANCE PROCEDURES. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF ANY MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION, SUCH AS THE MEDIA REPS, ARE NOT NOW IN WASHINGTON SO THAT WE CAN ASK THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO AUTHORIZE

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THE LAO EMBASSY IN HANOI TO ISSUE THE NECESSARY VISAS.

4. WE HAVE PASSED THE FLIGHT CLEARANCE INFORMATION IN 89 MAG ANDREWS AFB 102100Z AUG 78 TO PROTOCOL. WE WILL LET YOU KNOW WHEN CLEARANCE IS GRANTED.
- ROBERTS

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